CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 15, 2022 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Justin Jacobs of The Bridge Central Coast gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Escobedo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino convened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Waterfield, and Mayor Patino

Councilmember Soto arrived at 5:38 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Marshal Jim Austin, Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Library Director Dawn Jackson, Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Le (remote), Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

Mayor Patino announced that interpretation services were available in the back of the room.

1 PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS

A. **BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH.** Councilmember Cordero and Chamber of Commerce CEO Glenn Morris presented Certificates of Recognition to the Featured Businesses for November 2022 - Santa Maria BBQ Outfitters (Accepted by Vinny Caicco) and Abbey Carpet & Floors (Accepted by Johanne Corteguera).

B. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing the day of November 26, 2022, as **"SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"** in the City of Santa Maria and encouraging all residents and businesses to shop at small businesses and support local retail. (Accepted by Chamber CEO Glenn Morris).

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Written comments were received from Jill Anderson and several animal service agencies regarding the City's agreement with Santa Barbara County Animal Services. Josue Ibanez wrote in support of the Santa Maria High School Guitar Orchestra and informed the public of their upcoming performance at the Altrusa Club's Festival of Trees at the Town Center Mall on November 27, 2022. Kimberly Nodal wrote in support of the agreement between County Animal Services and the City of Santa Maria.

Bonita Sargeant, Jill Anderson, Linda Greco, Day Yeager, and Christopher Harris spoke in favor of the current agreement between County Animal Services and the City.

Gary Hall spoke about the first meeting with City staff and mobile home owners and said he hoped the next meeting would be scheduled soon.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Chief Deputy City Clerk White announced that a minor correction was made to the Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Item 3G, Northman Residential Final Map, after the agenda was posted, relating to the inclusion of security for planting of street trees which had been inadvertently omitted from the Agreement.

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3G were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2022-118, 2022-119, and 2022-120. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings were waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 18, 2022.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.

C. Adopt a Resolution approving the extension of the City's ability to conduct meetings of the City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees partially or completely remotely by using a combination of in-person/virtual (hybrid) platforms as authorized by Government Code § 54953(e)(1)(A) to promote social distancing, prioritize the Public's Health and Wellbeing under Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders, and provide flexibility as needed to facilitate continuity of government.

Action: Hybrid meetings were extended.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.

D. Adopt a Resolution cancelling the regular City Council meeting scheduled on December 6, 2022.

Action: December 6, 2022, City Council meeting was cancelled.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-119, 5-0.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution approving the Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement for the Northman Residential Final Map, Tract 6018. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH #2018121020) adopted June 19, 2019.

Action: Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreement were approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted No. 2022-120. 5-0.

4 PRESENTATIONS

A. **SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL BROADBAND PROJECT.** The City Council received a presentation from the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and the Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast with an update regarding the Regional Broadband Strategy Project as it nears completion.

Mike Becker of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, Bill Simmons and Shelby Arthur from the Broadband Consortia of the Pacific Coast gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

5 APPOINTMENT

A. The City Council considered making one appointment to the *Block Grants Advisory Committee.* Chief Deputy City Clerk White gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. Councilmember Waterfield had the opportunity to make one nomination to fill an unexpired term ending in 2024. One new Application was received from Audrey Bustamante.

Action: Councilmember Waterfield nominated Audrey Bustamante to fill the unexpired term ending in July 2024.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Mayor Patino accepted the nomination and appointed Audrey Bustamante.

6 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **2023 BUILDING AND FIRE CODE UPDATES TO THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.** The City Council considered updates to the Santa Maria Municipal Code (SMMC) relating to building and fire codes in alignment with recently adopted State of California building codes that will take

effect January 1, 2023. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Exempt, CEQA Guidelines Section 15601(b)(3).

Director of Community Development Ng gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Introduce for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, an Ordinance amending portions of Chapters 9-04 through 9-76 of Title 9 of the City of Santa Maria Municipal Code concerning Building and Fire Code regulations.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2022-06. 5-0.

B. **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER**. The City Council considered the Quarterly Financial Report for the first quarter ending September 30, 2022, and budget amendments to approve operational changes to the 2022-23 Budget.

Director of Finance Harvey gave the presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving First Quarter amendments to the 2022-23 Budget for personnel and operational changes.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
121. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the classification of Aquatics Safety & Education Specialist (Limited - Services) and corresponding job specification; authorizing the establishment of January 2023 Minimum Wage Increase; and approving and adopting a comprehensive Salary Schematic Schedule for all full-time and part-time employees in accordance with CalPERS guidelines.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-122. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting on December 6th would be canceled. The December 20th meeting items on the agenda would include the seating of the re-elected and newly elected Councilmembers and the Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights Award winners. He also recognized Fire Chief Todd Tuggle and his new appointment as Fire Chief with the City of San Luis Obispo.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce and Central Coast Truck Center's Breast Cancer Awareness Event; Santa Barbara County Veterans' Stand Down Event; Quarterly Schools Meeting; Dedication Ceremony of Bill Libbon Elementary School; State of the City; CCWA's virtual meeting; CommUnify meeting; CalCities meeting; and a Santa Barbara Foundation meeting.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the Quarterly Schools Meeting, Dedication of Bill Libbon Elementary School; State of the City; Housing Element Meeting; Mobile Home Park Owners Meeting; and the SMRT Electric Bus unveiling ceremony.

Councilmember Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 items.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the State of the City and the Celebrate Philanthropy Luncheon.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a Project Opioid Meeting; SBCAG Monthly Board Meeting; APCD Meeting; Dedicated Ceremony for Bill Libbon Elementary School; Empty Bowls; Housing Element Update Workshop; Dia de los Muertos Celebration; Mock Interviews - Partners in Education; Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley; Partners in Education Meeting; Elected Leaders Forum to address Homelessness; Mayor's Teen Council; Marian Community Clinic Ribbon Cutting; Veterans Day Event - SM Cemetery; Don Melby Award; and the SBCAG Broadband Ad Hoc Committee.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on December 20, 2022.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

1/9/2023

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria